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Attorney Docket No. F-5728 (1417P P 591)

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Kok-Hwee Ng et al.

Application No.: 09/865,196

Application No.: 657832

Case Number: 2011
Filed On: May 24, 2001

For: System and Method for Managing Inventory of Blood Component Collection Soft Goods in a Blood Component Collection Facility

Examiner: Shapiro, Jeffrey A.

Art Unit: 3653

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified Application. Applicants are other than a small entity. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply. The shortened statutory period of response was set to expire on March 21, 2005. Applicants believe that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in these fees to Deposit Account No. 23-0280. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

No additional fee for the Amendment is required. The fee for the Amendment has been calculated as shown below:

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X Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra Claims.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: February 21, 2005



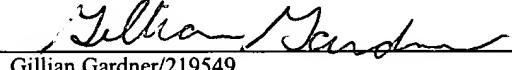
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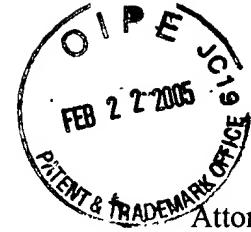
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REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 21, 2004

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of December 21, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks and Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.